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SUBJ: OVERLAND TRAFFIC BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA CEASES

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1. LOCAL PRESS INSTALLMENT FOR MARCH 30 IN DAILY SERIES OF REVELATIONS DETAILING QADHAFI'S CERTIFICATE DEMENTIA: AHRAM REPORTS THAT ALL OVERLAND TRAFFIC BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA NOW HALTED. ONLY TRAVELINTO LIBYA AT PRESENT REPORTEDLY BY AIR, AS ALL TAXI TRAFFIC CEASED MARCH 28. ARTICLE NOTES THAT ONLY EGYPTIAN DOCTORS, ENGINEERS AND TEACHERS CURRENTLY BEING GRANTED LIBYAN ENTRY VISAS. (COMMENT: WE GATHER THAT AIRCRAFT BRINGING ARABS WITH VALID ENTRY VISAS TO TRIPOLI NOW BEING PERMITTED TO DISEMBARK PASSENGERS, DESPITE LURID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. LOCAL DAILIES ALSO NOTE THAT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED MARCH 29 THAT FOUR GROUPS OF LIBYAN-TRAINIED SABOTEURS UNCOVERED BY STATE SECURITY TO BE INDICTED MARCH 30 AND BROUGHT TO TRAIL IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. AKHBAR EDITORIAL, WITHOUT NAMING QADHAFI, SLAMS LIBYAN LEADERSHIP. ATTACKING RIFTS IN ARAB UNITY, KHBAR THUNDERS "REAL THREAT DOES NOT STEM FROM IMPOTENTS AND LAGGARDS, BUT FROM THE SICK AND THE FOOLS WHO FALL PREY TO ILLUSIONS OF FALSE LEADERSHIP, EVEN THOUGH THEY ONLY BENEFITTED FROM UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WERE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MADLY SQUANDER THEIR PEOPLE'S MONEY IN HYSTERICAL BATTLES AGAINST OTHER ARABS."

4. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS GETTING CONSIDERABLE MILEAGE OUT OF LIBYAN ENTRY POLICIES, PRIJARILY IT WOULD SEEM BECAUSE, WHATEVER INSTRUCTIONS QADHAFI HAS IN FACT ISSUED, POLICY BEING ERRATICALLY APPLIED, RESULTING IN DAILY NEW TWISTS FOR CAIRO JOURNALISTIC GRIST MILL. EILTS

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